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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/897,103

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 05/24/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-31.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 03 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification

Page 1 lines 1-3 have been replaced with

--ENTERLINK CONDUCTOR FOR PROVIDING A FEDERATED BUSINESS TO
BUSINESS SYSTEM THAT INTERCONNECTS APPLICATIONS OF MULTIPLE
COMPANIES

This is a continuation-in-part of a co-pending U.S. patent Application Serial Number 09/761,834, for the "Enterlink for providing a federated business to business system that interconnects applications of multiple companies", filed January 18, 2001, by Hellbusch et al, now U. S. Patent No. 6,647,420--

In the Claims

Claim 2 line 3 "1" has been replaced with – i –,
 line 4 "2" has been replaced with – ii –,
 line 5 "3" has been replaced with – iii –,
 line 7 "4" has been replaced with – iv –,
 line 8 "5" has been replaced with – v –, and
 line 10 "6" has been replaced with – vi –.

Claim 25 line 15 "1" has been replaced with – a –,
 line 16 "2" has been replaced with – b –,
 line 17 "3" has been replaced with – c –,
 line 19 "4" has been replaced with – d –,
 line 20 "5" has been replaced with – e –, and
 line 22 "6" has been replaced with – f –.

Claim 26 line 1 "A" has been replaced with – An enterlink –.

Claims 27-31 line 1 "invention" has been replaced with – enterlink conductor –.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

Claims 1-31 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The examiner has found that the prior art of record does not disclose or teach or suggest or render obvious an enterlink conductor alone or combination with a bus/federated system as set forth in the independent claims 1-2 and 25-26. Specifically, the prior art of record does not teach or suggest or render obvious (major difference in the claims not found in the prior art) that the enterlink conductor comprising: a process engine that executes compound processes, a process repository that stores compound processes, and a process engine user interface to monitor and manage the process engine; and a conductor engine that controls the operation of the process engine, a conductor repository that stores participant objects and relationship objects, and a conductor user interface to monitor and manage the conductor engine.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Examiner's Amendment / Reasons for Allowance."

CONTACT INFORMATION

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Bharat Barot** whose Telephone Number is **(571) 272-3979**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Most facsimile-transmitted patent application related correspondence is required to be sent to the Central FAX Number **(571) 273-8300**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Saleh Najjar**, can be reached at **(571) 272-4006**.

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